

REMARKS

Applicants note that submitted herewith is a Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for a one month extension of time and a request that Deposit Account NO. 50-2212 be charged for the required fee. With the granting of this Petition, the time period in which to submit a timely response to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2003 will be extended to December 29, 2003.

Also submitted herewith is a Notice of Appeal.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that claims 1, 3 to 8, 10 to 12, 14, 15, 18 to 23, 25 to 29, 33 and 50 to 57 are allowed.

Claims 34 to 49 and 58 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the pharmaceutical compositions and methods of treating conditions characterized by thrombosis using the compounds of Applicants' invention. Applicants submit that these amendments are clearly supported by the specification and claims as originally filed and give rise to no issue of new matter.

Applicants also submit that these amendments put the amended claims in better condition for appeal and/or clarify issues on appeal and, accordingly, are properly presented at this time and request that they be entered.

The Section 112, First Paragraph Rejection.

Claims 34 to 49 and 58 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

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Applicants maintain their position that these claims as previously presented were in compliance with the requirements of the first paragraph of Section 112. However, in order to expedite prosecution of this application, claims 34 to 49 and 58 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim pharmaceutical compositions and methods of treatment of Applicant's invention.

Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider this rejection and withdraw it.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all the rejections of claims 34 to 49 and 58 have been overcome and that those claims are allowable. Applicants note that claims 1, 3 to 8, 10 to 12, 14, 15, 18 to 23, 25 to 29, 33 and 50 to 57 were indicated by the Examiner to be allowed. Applicants request that the claims be allowed and passed to issue.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview would expedite prosecution of this application, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned Applicant's attorney.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee, including any fee due with this submission, if the attached check(s) is in the wrong amount or otherwise improper or missing, that may be due in connection with this and the

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attached papers, or with this application during its entire pendency to or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-2212, Order No. 018813-0272492.

Respectfully submitted,
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